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AND IMAGE DECODING  
METHOD

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Sir:

The instant amendment is being filed concurrently with the filing of an RCE application and is responsive to the final Office Action mailed November 18, 2003.